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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairperson, one or more Vice-Chairpersons and such other officers as may be required. At its forty-fourth session, the Commission elected, in addition to a Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons, with one Vice-Chairperson having rapporteurial responsibilities.

In its resolution 1987/21, the Economic and Social Council recommended that, in order to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the Commission, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should serve for a term of office of two years. The officers elected at the forty-fourth session will continue to serve during the forty-fifth session. At this session, the Commission will be required to hold a by-election for one of the posts of Vice-Chairperson which was vacated after the forty-fourth session.

The membership of the Commission in 2001 is given in annex II below.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in Council decision 2000/237.

The Commission, in its agreed conclusions 1996/1 on methods of work for dealing with the implementation of the Platform for Action, noted that its innovative methods of work had to be understood as a process that included not only the sessions of the Commission, but also the organization of work. Broad-based participation in the preparatory process for each session of the Commission was to be encouraged, and the practice of periodically convening meetings of the Bureau of the Commission open to the participation of all interested States was to be encouraged and consolidated.

Accordingly, the Bureau of the Commission held meetings on 17 November, 11 December and 14 December 2000 to consider the organization and methods of work for the session. It will convene a consultative briefing for the Commission members in the third week of January 2001 to discuss matters related to the forty-fifth session of the Commission.

It is expected that time will be set aside for a general debate.

During previous sessions, the Commission allocated time for a general debate at the beginning of the session, recommended a focus for the general debate, and set aside time for interventions by non-governmental organizations. To ensure wide participation, it is recommended that individual interventions by Governments, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities and non-governmental organizations be limited to 5 minutes, and interventions on behalf of groups be

limited to 10 minutes, as was the case at previous sessions. It is recommended that there be an integration of interventions by non-governmental organizations into the general debate, rather than the setting aside of a distinct and separate block of time for interventions by non-governmental organizations, as occurred at the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions. Non-governmental organizations will be allowed to speak, with geographical location being taken into consideration. This would be in addition to non-governmental organization participation and statements during each of the panels on the thematic issues.

In section III of resolution 1996/6, the Economic and Social Council requested that all United Nations documentation be kept concise, clear, analytical and timely with a focus on relevant issues and in accordance with Council resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, and agreed conclusions 1995/1 adopted by the Council on 28 July 1995; that reports contain recommendations for action, indicate the actors and be issued in all official languages, in accordance with the rules of the United Nations; and that other methods of reporting, such as oral reports, also be explored.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session (E/CN.6/2001/L.1)

3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

(a) Review of mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system

In section III, paragraph 5, of its resolution 1996/6, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare annually, under item 3, a report on measures taken and progress achieved in the follow-up to, and implementation of, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the progress achieved in mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system. A report is submitted annually also to the Council, and to the General Assembly, in accordance with Assembly resolution 50/203, and as reiterated in Assembly resolutions 51/69, 52/100, 53/120, 54/141 and 55/71. The Commission will have before it the report requested.

In section I of its resolution 1996/6, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality should inform the Commission of the progress of its work, for the purpose of system-wide coordination. In fulfilment of that request, the Commission will hear an oral report by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and Chairperson of the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system, including mainstreaming women's human rights

In its resolution 41/6, the Commission addressed the need to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system. It encouraged the Economic and Social Council to develop specific recommendations in that regard, and highlighted the need for gender mainstreaming, inter alia, at the inter-agency level, in the coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, and in the ongoing restructuring process of the Secretariat. It also requested Governments to include information on progress in mainstreaming when submitting their reports on national action plans for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts

In its resolution 44/1, the Commission requested the Secretary-General and all relevant international organizations to use their capabilities and efforts to facilitate the release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts. It also requested the Secretary-General to prepare, taking into account the information provided by States and relevant international organizations, a report on the implementation of that resolution for submission to the Commission at its forty-fifth session. The report of the Secretary-General on this question will be incorporated into the report of the Secretary-General submitted under item 3 (a).

Palestinian women

In its resolution 2000/23 on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission to continue to monitor and take action with regard to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, in particular paragraph 260 concerning Palestinian women and children, and the Beijing Platform for Action; and requested the Secretary-General to continue to review the situation and to assist Palestinian women by all available means, and to submit to the Commission at its forty-fifth session a report on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution. The report of the Secretary-General on this question will be incorporated into the report of the Secretary-General submitted under item 3 (a).

The situation of women and girls in Afghanistan

In its resolution 2000/9 on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to review the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan and to submit to the Commission at its forty-fifth session a report on progress made in the implementation of that resolution. The report of the Secretary-General on this question will be incorporated into the report of the Secretary-General submitted under item 3 (a).

Joint work plan on the human rights of women

In its resolution 39/5, the Commission requested the Secretary-General, taking into account the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, to see to the preparation of a joint work plan on the human rights of women for the then Centre

for Human Rights and the Division for the Advancement of Women on an annual basis and to inform both the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women at their annual sessions, beginning in 1995, of the plans. In its resolution 2000/46, the Commission on Human Rights requested that the Secretary-General ensure the implementation of the joint work plan for the year 2000, to continue to elaborate that plan, reflecting all aspects of work under way and the lessons learned, to identify where obstacles/impediments existed and areas for further collaboration, and to make it available to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-seventh session and to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fifth session. The joint work plan will be incorporated into the report of the Secretary-General submitted under item 3 (a).

System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002-2005

In its resolution 1999/16, the Economic and Social Council invited the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to formulate the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002-2005, in two phases. The first phase, consisting of an assessment of activities undertaken by the United Nations system and of obstacles encountered and lessons learned from the present plan (1996-2001) and the system-wide process of its implementation (E/CN.6/2000/3), was submitted to the Council through the Commission at its forty-fourth session in 2000. In the same resolution, the Council also decided that the second phase, consisting of a new plan for 2002-2005 which would reflect the growing emphasis on action and delivery, should be submitted to the Council through the Commission in 2001. The Commission will have before it the report requested.

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

In its resolution 55/69 on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to monitor closely the progress made by departments and offices in meeting the goal of gender balance; and to intensify his efforts to create a gender-sensitive work environment supportive of the needs of his staff. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to include in his report on the implementation of that resolution, statistics on the number and percentage of women in all organizational units and at all levels throughout the United Nations system, and on the implementation of departmental action plans for the achievement of gender balance. The Commission will have before it the report requested.

Violence against women

In resolution 50/166 on the role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women in eliminating violence against women, the General Assembly requested the Fund to include in its regular reports information regarding its activities to eliminate violence against women and to provide such information to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Human Rights. It also requested the Fund to include in its regular reports information on the establishment of a trust fund in support of national, regional and international actions to eliminate violence against women and to provide such information to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Human Rights. The Commission on the Status of Women will be provided with such information.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

In accordance with article 21.2 of the Convention, the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women are transmitted to the Commission for its information. The report of the Committee on its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions (A/55/38) and a note transmitting the results of the Committee's twenty-fourth session (15 January to 2 February 2001) will be before the Commission for its information.

Programme matters

In accordance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the attention of the Commission is drawn to the programme of work and activities in the area of gender issues and the advancement of women. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the proposed programme of work of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women for the biennium 2002-2003 (subprogramme 2 of section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003). The proposed programme of work has been established in congruence with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1).

International Year of Volunteers

The General Assembly in its resolution 55/57 requested the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission at its forty-fifth session his note (A/AC.253/16/Add.7) transmitting the contribution of the United Nations Volunteers programme to the preparations for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world". That report is before the Commission for information.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2001/2 and addenda)

Report of the Secretary-General on the joint work plan of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/CN.6/2001/3/Add.1-E/CN.4/2001/_)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002-2005 (E/CN.6/2001/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in improving the status of women in the United Nations system (E/CN.6/2001/5)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting information provided by the United Nations Development Fund for Women on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/166 (E/CN.6/2001/6)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the results of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (E/CN.6/2001/CRP.1)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women for the biennium 2002-2003 (E/CN.6/2001/CRP.2)

Documentation for information

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (A/55/399 and Corr.1)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions (A/55/38)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/55/308)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/55/271)

Note by the Secretary-General on review reports and proposals for further action and initiatives submitted by organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other concerned organizations: contribution from the United Nations Volunteers Programme (A/AC.253/16/Add.7)

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men

In its resolution 1996/6, the Economic and Social Council elaborated the Commission's terms of reference and, inter alia, decided that the Commission should identify emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men that required urgent consideration, and make substantive recommendations thereon; decided that the Commission's agenda would include annually a sub-item 3 (b) on emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men; and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on emerging issues under that sub-item, as appropriate, at the request of the Commission or its Bureau. The Commission also noted, bearing in mind the role of the Council in overall coordination, that increased dialogue between the Bureaux of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Council, the chairpersons and secretariats, as appropriate, of the other functional commissions, other subsidiary bodies and related bodies, including the relevant executive boards, would assist in identifying issues that could be addressed under the agenda item on emerging issues and trends. No report has been requested under this sub-item.

(c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern

Mandate, methods of work and multi-year work programme of the Commission on the Status of Women

For the first time, in 1987, at the recommendation of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council endorsed a multi-year work programme of the Commission for the years 1988-1992 (Council resolution 1987/24). The Commission's second multi-year programme covered the years 1993-1996 (Council resolution 1990/15). At its fortieth session, the Commission proposed a multi-year work programme for 1997-2000, which it subsequently implemented (Council resolution 1996/6). In resolution

1996/6, the Council strengthened the mandate and terms of reference of the Commission and endorsed the Commission's multi-year work programme for the period 1997-2000. The Council, in the same resolution, decided on a timetable for considering the Platform for Action's 12 critical areas of concern, in the light of the need for a focused and thematic multi-year work programme on those areas, and bearing in mind that the critical areas of concern were interrelated and interdependent. Accordingly, the Commission reviewed the Platform for Action's 12 critical areas of concern from its fortieth to its forty-third sessions. At its forty-fourth session, the Commission proposed themes for 2001, and agreed to prepare a new multi-year work programme in 2001 for the period 2002-2005 following the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (Council decision 2000/237). The Bureau of the Commission proposed to identify thematic issues under the multi-year work programme for the period 2002-2005. The Bureau also suggested the extension of the themes to 2006 so as to bridge the gap until it was called upon to develop a new multi-year programme of work for the period 2007-2010. The Commission will have before it the report on proposals for a new multi-year work programme.

In resolution 55/71, the General Assembly, elaborating on Assembly resolution 50/203, further reaffirmed its decision that the Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission, in accordance with their respective mandates and in accordance with Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and other relevant resolutions, should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism that would play the primary role in the overall policy-making and follow-up, and in coordinating the implementation and monitoring of the Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the Assembly. It invited the Council to continue to promote a coordinated and integrated follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits and their reviews, and requested the Council to further intensify its efforts to ensure that gender mainstreaming was an integral part of all its activities concerning integrated and coordinated follow-up to United Nations conferences, building upon agreed conclusions 1997/2 of the Council.

In resolution 55/71, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission with recommendations for the effective implementation of the Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the Assembly, inter alia, through enhancing the effectiveness of its work and its catalytic role in mainstreaming a gender perspective in United Nations activities. The Commission will have before it this report of the Secretary-General.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for a multi-year work programme of the Commission on the Status of Women, 2002-2006 (E/CN.6/2001/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the working methods of the Commission on the Status of Women (E/CN.6/2001/8)

4. Thematic issues

(a) Women, the girl child and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the thematic issues to be addressed at its forty-fifth session. In Economic and Social Council decision 2000/237, it was agreed that the Commission would examine the first thematic issue of women, the girl child and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), including conclusions and recommendations emanating from the expert group meeting on the HIV/AIDS pandemic and its gender implications.

In its resolution 43/2, the Commission encouraged Governments and relevant entities of the United Nations system to undertake activities tailored to the needs, and give priority attention to the situation, of women and girls infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. It invited the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of that resolution. The report of the Secretary-General on this question will be incorporated into the report of the Secretary-General submitted under item 4 (a).

(b) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the second thematic issue to be addressed at its forty-fifth session. In Economic and Social Council decision 2000/237, it was agreed that the Commission would examine the thematic issue of gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including conclusions and recommendations emanating from the expert group meeting on gender and racial discrimination.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on thematic issues before the Commission on the Status of Women: women, the girl child and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS); and gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (E/CN.6/2001/9)

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

In a letter dated 4 October 2000 addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission, the President of the Economic and Social Council, referring to General Assembly resolution 50/227, stressed that it was important that policy recommendations adopted by the Council be taken into account in the work of its subsidiary bodies, and invited systematic follow-up to the Council's policy decisions. The President drew attention to the resolutions, agreed conclusions and decisions adopted by the Council specifically addressed to the functional commissions, in particular as contained in the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Council (see A/55/3, chap. III, para. 17), agreed conclusions 2000/1 and 2000/2 (ibid., chap. V, paras. 6 and 8), Council resolutions 2000/5, 2000/6, 2000/10, 2000/19, 2000/20, 2000/25, 2000/26, 2000/27, 2000/30 and

2000/35 and Council decision 2000/235. He invited the Chairperson to bring these policy recommendations to the attention of the Commission and to take necessary action to implement them.

In its agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system, the Economic and Social Council highlighted the importance of undertaking immediate and concrete steps to mainstream a gender perspective, including implementation of the recommendations contained in the agreed conclusions, as a matter of urgency and at the latest by the time of the five-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action in 2000. The Council also decided to monitor annually, under an item entitled "Integrated follow-up of major United Nations conferences", the way in which its functional commissions and subsidiary bodies mainstreamed a gender perspective on the basis of the report on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on steps already taken by the Commission to implement the Economic and Social Council's policy decisions, on possible further actions to be taken by the Commission and on recommendations the Commission may wish to address to the Council in this regard.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to policy guidance provided by the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.6/2001/10)

Letter dated 4 October 2000 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women (E/CN.6/2001/11)

6. Communications concerning the status of women

In its resolution 76 (V) of 5 August 1947, the Economic and Social Council established a procedure by which the Commission would receive and consider communications relating to the status of women. In its resolution 304 I (XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950, the Council amended resolution 76 (V) and requested the Secretary-General to compile, before each session of the Commission, a list of confidential and non-confidential communications, containing a brief indication of the substance of each communication.

In its resolution 1983/27, the Economic and Social Council reaffirmed the mandate of the Commission to consider confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women, and authorized the Commission to appoint a working group to consider such communications and prepare a report thereon for the Commission.

In its resolution 1993/11, the Economic and Social Council reaffirmed that the Commission was empowered to make recommendations to the Council on what action should be taken on emerging trends and patterns of discrimination against women revealed by such communications.

In view of the review by the Commission on Human Rights of its mechanisms, including the 1503 procedure, the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fourth session requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Commission at its forty-fifth session containing an overview of any reform measures that might be adopted by the Commission on Human Rights and the implications of those

measures for the work of the Commission on the Status of Women under its communications procedure. The Commission will have before it the report requested.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the confidential list of communications concerning the status of women (E/CN.6/2001/S.W. Communications List No. 34)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the non-confidential list of communications concerning the status of women (E/CN.6/2001/CRP.36)

Report of the Secretary-General assessing the implications of reforms of mechanisms in the human rights area (1503 procedure) for communications concerning the status of women (E/CN.6/2001/12)

7. Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Commission

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), and in accordance with sections III.5 (documentation) and IV.3 and 4 of Council resolution 1996/6, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-sixth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider those documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission, and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current situation.

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fifth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its forty-fifth session.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

6-16 March 2001

Date time	*Agenda item*	
Tuesday, 6 March		
a.m.		*Opening of the session*
	Item 1	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		Introduction of reports followed by dialogue
	Item 3	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": general discussion*
p.m.	Item 3	Continuation of general discussion
Wednesday, 7 March		
a.m.	Item 3	Continuation of general discussion
p.m.	Item 3 (c)	Consideration of multi-year work programme and working methods of the Commission
Thursday, 8 March		
a.m.		Observance of International Women's Day
	Item 3	Continuation of general discussion
p.m.	Item 4 (a)	Thematic issues: women, the girl child and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)
		Panel of experts: presentation and dialogue
Friday, 9 March		
a.m.	Item 6	Communications concerning the status of women
		Consideration of the report of the Secretary-General assessing implications of reforms of mechanisms in the human rights area for communications procedure

* Please refer to the provisional annotated agenda for the full list of documents under this agenda item.

Date/time	*Agenda item*	
p.m.	Item 6	Continuation of consideration of the report of the Secretary-General assessing implications of reforms of mechanisms in the human rights area for communications procedure
		Informal consultations
Monday, 12 March		
a.m.	Item 5	Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions
		Discussion
p.m.	All items	Introduction of proposals under all items, including the provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Commission, followed by informal consultations
Tuesday, 13 March		
a.m.	Item 4 (b)	Thematic issues: gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
		Panel of experts: presentation and dialogue
p.m.	Items 3, 4 and 5	Informal consultations
Wednesday, 14 March		
a.m.	Item 6	Closed meeting of the Commission to consider the report of the Working Group on Communications, followed by:
	Items 3, 4 and 5	Informal consultations
p.m.	Items 3, 4 and 5	Informal consultations
Thursday, 15 March		
a.m.	Items 3, 4 and 5	Informal consultations
p.m.	Items 3, 4 and 5	Action on proposals and on proposed agreed conclusions
		Informal consultations
Friday, 16 March		
a.m.	All items	Action on outstanding issues
p.m.	Item 7	Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Commission
	Item 8	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fifth session
		Closure of the session

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2001

(45 members; four-year term)

Membership	*Term expires on 31 December*
Argentina	2004
Azerbaijan	2004
Belgium	2002
Benin	2003
Bolivia	2001
Brazil	2003
Burundi	2002
Chile	2003
China	2003
Côte d'Ivoire	2001
Croatia	2003
Cuba	2001
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2002
Denmark	2003
Dominican Republic	2003
Egypt	2002
Germany	2004
Guinea	2004
India	2001
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2001
Italy	2002
Japan	2004
Kyrgyzstan	2003
Lesotho	2001

Membership	*Term expires on 31 December*
Lithuania	2002
Malawi	2003
Malaysia	2001
Mexico	2002
Mongolia	2002
Netherlands	2004
Pakistan	2004
Peru	2004
Republic of Korea	2001
Russian Federation	2002
Rwanda	2001
Saint Lucia	2001
Senegal	2002
Sri Lanka	2001
Sudan	2001
Tunisia	2004
Turkey	2002
Uganda	2001
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2004
United Republic of Tanzania	2004
United States of America	2003